

Application No. 10/712,978
Reply to Office Action of 04 May, 2006

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Reply, claims 34-47 and 53-60 are pending in the application. Claims 40-47 have been allowed. Claim 34 has been amended to clarify the relative positions of the substrate and the adhesive article. New claims 53-60 have been added. New claims 53-60 are supported in the claims and specification as originally filed.

The specification has been amended to correct two obvious typographical errors. The correction of the insulating layer reference number is supported at p. 26, line 13, and the fact that the reaction layer uses reference number 306 is shown at p. 26, line 14. The correction of "adhesive" to "adhesion" makes the sentence grammatically correct. Thus, these corrections to the specification contain no new matter.

Rejection of Claims 34-40 Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 34-40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, as being indefinite and/or as lacking support. The Examiner has stated that the claim is confusing because it is not clear how the substrate and the adhesive article relate to each other. Claim 34 has been amended better to recite the relationships between the claimed elements, which Applicants respectfully submit are clear and unambiguous as drafted. Applicants respectfully submit that the claim is fully supported in the specification as filed, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and contains no indefiniteness. In view of the amendment to claim 34, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 34-40.

Allowance of Claims 41-47

The Examiner has allowed claims 41-47 drawn to a biosensor. Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the allowance of these claims.

New Claims 53-60

Applicants submit herewith new claims 53-60, which are drawn to various specific aspects of the claimed invention. These new claims are supported, for example, in Fig. 3

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and in the specification from page 26, line 1 to page 28, line 10, as well as in the claims as originally filed. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 53-60 are allowable for the same reasons as are the base claims.


Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and a timely issuance of a notice of allowance for claims 34-47 and 53-60. Since a total of 53 claims have been paid for previously in this application, and since only 22 claims are now pending, Applicants submit that no additional claim fees are due for the new claims submitted herein. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Reference: AVERP3423USB).

Respectfully submitted,

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